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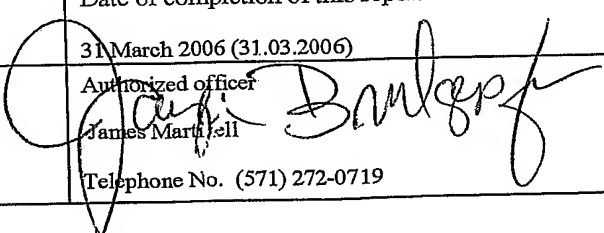
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International application No.

PCT/US05/05996

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-25 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 26-29 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1/1 as originally filed/furnished
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
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** If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."*

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International application No.
PCT/US05/05996**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-27</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-27</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-27</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-14 and 20-27 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Kihara et al (Cancer Research 61: 6474 (2001)). Kihara et al teaches analysis of gene expression profiles (*e.g.*, Figure 2, page 6476) for various anti-cancer drugs in 20 patients (Abstract). Kihara et al also teaches the classification of esophageal tumor cells based on gene expression data, determination of therapy, and prediction of patient outcome (*e.g.*, the entire Discussion section on pages 6477-6478). Thus, the claimed methods embrace the methods of Kihara et al.

Claims 1-12, 15-19, and 23-25 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Scherf et al (Nature Genetics 24: 236 (2000)). Scherf et al teaches analysis of gene expression profiles by using a protein expression database (*e.g.*, the paragraph bridging the columns on page 236) in connectin with cancer cells' response to anti-cancer drugs (*e.g.*, Abstract, Figure 1, Figure 2, and Table 1). Thus, the claimed methods embrace the methods of Scherf et al.

Claims 1-27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.